U.S. Customs Service

FACTS ABOUT THIS PROGRAM

The Explorer Program is the Boy Scouts of America's highest division. It offers opportunities in character building, good citizenship, and fitness for young men and women ages 14 through 21. Some Explorer units offer training in specific areas, like nautical training and law enforcement. Law Enforcement Explorer posts offer programs in law enforcement and criminal justice, which provide Explorers with practical training and hands-on experience in those areas.

The U.S. Customs Service's Law Enforcement Explorer Program provides opportunities for Explorers to participate in federal enforcement-related activities within the Customs Service.

TRAINING

When accepted into the program, an Explorer will receive training in these and other areas:

- ❖ History of the U.S. Customs Service
- ❖ Customs Law and Operations
- ❖ First Aid and CPR
- ❖ Firearms Safety and Range Procedures
- ❖ Basic Self-defense
- ❖ Crime-Scene Procedures

HOW THE EXPLORER PROGRAM BENEFITS YOU

If accepted into the Explorer program, you will gain:

- ❖ Exposure to federal law enforcement careers and professionals
- ❖ Exposure to the unique aspects of the Customs Service law enforcement system
- ❖ Education, training, and a knowledge of career requirements for the U.S. Customs Service
- ❖ Opportunities to develop self-confidence, self-discipline, and patience

- ❖ Help in establishing and achieving educational and other self-improvement goals
- ❖ Scholarship opportunities from several federal law enforcement agencies

HOW THE EXPLORER PROGRAM BENEFITS THE CUSTOMS SERVICE

If you are accepted into the program, you will be able to share your strengths and experience by:

- ❖ Giving Customs personnel the opportunity to get to know their community's young people by sharing common interests
- ❖ Helping us to identify potential law-enforcement career candidates
- ❖ Involving young people in activities that help increase the effectiveness of Customs own personnel and help accomplish the Customs Service mission

PROGRAM ACTIVITIES

As an Explorer, you will be able to:

- ❖ Assist with passenger processing and crowd control at airports and seaports
- ❖ Observe and assist with surveillance operations
- ❖ Observe vessel searches
- ❖ Take field trips
- ❖ Attend the Law Enforcement Explorer Conference
- ❖ Participate in other Explorer Programs

MEMBERSHIPS REQUIREMENTS

To be an Explorer, you must:

- ☐ Be between the ages of 14 and 21
- ☐ Be in high school or college
- ☐ Maintain at least a "C" grade average
- ☐ Obtain parent's or guardian's consent
- ☐ Have an interest in law enforcement

If you are interested in becoming a U.S. Customs Explorer, or in learning more about the program, complete the form below, and mail it to the U.S. Customs Service office listed on our Web site at www.customs.gov. Once there, go to About Customs, then U.S. Customs Explorer Program. Select "Contact the Post Advisor in your state."

Name:
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Birth Date:
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Address:
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City/State:
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Phone Number:
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School:
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Grade:
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A Message From The Commissioner Of U.S. Customs

The U.S. Customs Service is committed to the partnership between law enforcement and America's youth. U.S. Customs Explorer Program is your bridge to one of the most challenging and exciting missions in law enforcement today -- the job of serving as the guardians of our Nation's borders, America's frontline

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With so many unique careers under one agency, you'll have the chance to experience a wide range of law enforcement activities and choose the one that's right for you. I want to extend my personal invitation to you to take part in the Customs mission as an active Customs Explorer. Come join a great program that offers you the chance to work in an exciting environment and enjoy exceptional educational benefits.

We look forward to having you on our team.

Explorers pose following the National Law Enforcement Explorers Conference at the University of Maryland, Baltimore.

Good Citizenship

Fitness

Leadership Training

Program Activities

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Law Enforcement Exploring Program